

AMENDMENT Continued
Serial No. 09/577,311

said slotted plate having at least four columns of elongated slots, each said column having a plurality of elongated slots at selected spaced-apart locations, some of said slots being further from said support plate than others of said slots, a first of said columns being spaced from each other the same distance as a second pair of columns are spaced from each other;

an electric motor-operated device; and

at least one hook extending from said device for insertion through a selected one of said slots for hanging said device on said stand on a selected one of said first and second pairs of columns.

6.(Amended) In a whirlpool bath system installed in a tub and having an electric water pump adjacent an exterior wall of the tub, a cantilever [an] apparatus for supporting the pump above and spaced from a surface underlying the tub; the apparatus comprising:

a stand having a support plate and a slotted plate, the slotted plate extending substantially perpendicular to said support plate and being affixed thereto;

said slotted plate having a plurality of elongated slots arranged in at least four columns at selected spaced-apart locations, some of said slots being further from said support plate than others of said slots, a first pair of said columns being spaced from each other the same distance as a second pair of columns are spaced from each other;

at least one hook extending from the pump for insertion through a selected one of said slots for hanging the pump on the stand on a selected one of said first and second pairs of columns.

AMENDMENT Continued
Serial No. 09/577,311

9. (Amended) A method for positioning an electric water pump adjacent a tub wall in an elevated and cantilevered position; the method comprising the steps of:

a) forming a stand by bending a unitary planar member to provide a support plate and an attachment plate which is substantially perpendicular to said support plate;

b) providing a plurality of first mating elements in said attachment plate;

c) placing said stand adjacent said tub wall with the attachment plate generally parallel to the tub wall;

d) forming at least one second mating element integrally to said pump; and

e) mating said first and second mating elements with the pump being cantilevered above said stand.

12. (Amended) An apparatus for holding and positioning an electric motor-operated device in each of three orthogonal directions; the apparatus comprising:

a stand that is self-supporting and having a pair of perpendicular integral plates, one of said plates being configured to receive said device, the other of said plates being configured to support said device in a cantilevered position;

an electric motor-operated device having spaced apart mounting brackets configured for attachment to said one of said plates;

said one of said plates and said mounting brackets having selectively mateable hooks and slots for cantilevered attachment of said motor-operated device to said apparatus.